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FIGHT FOR THE FUTURE

London, Jan. 1. — The secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr Arthur Crech Jones, today gave the British Commonwealth a slogan for 1950—"Fight for the Future"—in a New Year's broadcast in the British Broadcasting Corporation's general overseas service.

He asked the colonial peoples to operate with Britain in promoting their steady advance to better living and greater responsibility.

"I need hardly say that progress depends on your own energies and initiative and on the sense of public service which is brought to the task," he said.

He asked the colonial peoples to "face the facts and the world as it is today, to measure up the obstacles fairly and squarely and then to throw yourselves into the real constructive work of your community, in co-operation with those whose sole aim is to help you."

Mr Crech Jones urged his listeners to "trust our friendship."

"Some among you may still think this message has a wrong coming from Britain by strenuous opposition to the Government and by steady agitation," he continued.

He did not think the experience of recent years supported this view. Britain, with her knowledge and experience, was anxious for their co-operation in working out the best means of achieving their aims.—Reuter.

CBE Awarded To Mr T. R. Rowell

Mr Thomas Richmond Rowell, B.Sc. (Honours), Dip. Ed. (Liverpool), Director of Education for the past three years, has been created a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the New Year's Honours List. Born on Boxing Day 1896, Mr Rowell was appointed to the Education Department in March 1925, and arrived here in May of that year.

For over 10 years Mr Rowell was science master at the old Central British School (now King George V School), and in 1936 was acting inspector of English schools and director of the Evening Institute.

Returning from leave in 1937, he became headmaster of the Elia Kadourie Indian School and subsequently Principal of the Teachers' Training College in 1939. Mr Rowell was appointed Assistant Director of the Education Department in 1941, and in the following year became Chief Medical Transport Officer.

While in England in 1944, Mr Rowell was secretary to the West Indies Committee of the Commission on Higher Education in the colonies. On August 1 of the same year he became attached to the Hongkong Planning Unit and returned to the Colony as a colonel in the Central Executive Branch, Civil Affairs Unit, and was appointed Director of Education on May 1, 1946.

Many other Boards and Committees. His conscientious approach to problems, combined with his deep interest, balanced views and sound judgment, are of great value to those with whom he works.

MBE.—Mr Ujjagar Singh, Mr Ujjagar Singh served the Crown under difficult and dangerous conditions in India, handling the expenditure of sums of money far in excess of those normally handled by an officer of his status. He carried out his assignment successfully and returned to his duties with the Treasury in Hong Kong.

MBE.—Miss Maud Ward, Miss Ward has served with the Netherlands Hospital since 1920, and became Matron of the hospital in 1928. She has done much in particular in the training of Chinese nurses and has served as an Examiner on the Nurses Board where her knowledge of Cantonese has been of great value.

MBE.—Miss Sybil Mary Swift (now Mrs C. A. Leiper). Mrs Leiper has served the Education Department for 19 years, during which she has spared no efforts in the furtherance of physical education of girls in Hong Kong. Lately she has had organization work in addition to teaching.

MBE.—Uva Ting-fan, Mr Un has served the Colony for over 30 years. During the occupation he gave assistance to a committee in Macau which was considering the workings of the Urban Council on re-occupation of the Colony, and on his return to the Colony he established office routine for the Urban Council, pending the appointment of a Secretary and an Assistant Secretary.

MBE.—Mr Au Kwok-leung, Mr Au retired from Government service shortly before hostilities in 1941, by which time he had reached the topmost grade of the Junior Clerical Service. He was re-engaged in 1941, and since the re-occupation has rendered most valuable service.

K. P. M. for Distinguished Service.—Kenneth Andrew Bidmead, Mr Bidmead has shown zeal and courage in his command of the Knowledge and New Territories District as a police officer. He has inspired his men to a high degree of efficiency and has their confidence as well as that of the local population.

K.P.M. for Distinguished Service.—Geoffrey Stadhulme Wilson, Mr Wilson has served as a Police Officer. After special training he became Director of the Special Branch, where he tackled with zeal and intelligence the difficult task of reorganization from old-fashioned methods to a modern system. His sane and balanced judgment is invaluable in duties.

THE CITATIONS

The citation accompanying the award states:

Mr Rowell has served the Education Department for 27 years, and for over three years has been Director of Education. He is thoroughly competent and handles most efficiently the various problems, particularly those which have arisen as a result of the war, which comes his way.

Other awards are:

OBE.—Mr Lo Man-wai, Mr Lo has served as a member of the Urban Council since 1949, and has in addition been on

MBE.—Major (QM) J. L. Williams, 1st Lt. The Buffs. BEM.—S/Sgt W. E. Welsh, Royal Signals, Hong Kong.

Mr Alexander A Viscount

London, Jan. 1.—The big surprise of the New Year Honours List, published today, was a Viscountcy for the Defence Minister, Mr Albert Alexander.

Despite his elevation to the House of Lords, Mr Alexander will continue in his present Cabinet job—at least until the general election this year.

In a strongly political list of awards, four other Labour Members of Parliament were made Peers. This will cause five Parliamentary by-elections—unless the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, decided to hold a general election soon.

Mr Robert William Uquhart, British Consul-General at Shanghai, received knighthood, Knight Commander of the British Empire.

Other awards of interest to the Far East are: Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG)—Mr John Henry Keswick, Managing Director of Jardine, Matheson & Company.

Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)—Mr Wilfred Pryor, British subject resident in China.

Officers of the Order of the British Empire (OBE)—Mr Albert Franklin, former British Consul at Tientsin; Mr William James Hawkins, British subject in China; Mr Thomas Terrace, Director of Works and Services in the Far East.

Today's Honours List was the 27th of King George VI's reign. The principal awards are one Viscountcy, five Baronies and three Privy Counsellors. A large number of new Knights were created.

The irony of today's List is that in past years Mr Alexander has been wrongly tipped by political speculators for a Peerage. This year none mentioned him.

PRIVY COUNCILLORS
The three new members of the Privy Council, the select body of statesmen appointed (Continued on Page 5)

Educationist Honoured



MR T. R. ROWELL

Gloucester Hotel Commotion

Chairs Thrown Down Eight Floors

A commotion was created in the Gloucester Hotel shortly after 3 a.m. on New Year's Day when two unidentified naval men threw three chairs belonging to the hotel from the eighth floor on to the first floor landing, and then, after a short scuffle, escaped down the stairs into the street.

It appears that the two men, pushed the lift boy out of the elevator, ascended to the eighth floor where, after sitting on a sofa for a while, they began to throw chairs over the balustrade. As the chairs crashed with a terrific din, residents and hotel staff were awakened.

Several "boys" who tried to restrain the sailors were attacked and one suffered a slight wound from a blow on the chin.

The sailors then ran to the sixth floor where they threw another chair down the stairs. They then fled as more members of the staff arrived on the scene.

Girl Goes Berserk

Lutte, Montana, Jan. 1.—A 21-year-old girl, Lorraine Knapp, shot dead her mother, her sister, aged seven, and two of her brothers at their home, then committed suicide.

The boys were aged 12 and three. The tragedy was discovered by two other boys when they returned to the house from a neighbouring home. The father was working meanwhile in a copper mine here.

Lorraine used a .22 calibre rifle. The boys were killed instantly. The others died later in hospital. The surviving brothers told reporters that Lorraine had been brooding and acting strangely lately.—Reuter.

Kunming Under Attack

London, Jan. 1.—The Yunnan Provincial capital of Kunming was under attack today by remnants of the Nationalist 6th and 20th armies, and Communist troops. In forced marches were rushing to aid the city's defence, the New China News Agency reported.

The city is held by General Li Han, former Governor of Yunnan, who recently went over to the Communists.

On December 21 Nationalist headquarters in Formosa claimed that Kunming had been captured after a combined Nationalist air and ground assault.—Reuter.

President Truman And His Advisers Facing Many Problems

FOREIGN & DOMESTIC ISSUES

Washington, Jan. 1.—President Truman and his top policy advisers, striving to find the most effective policy to thwart Communist expansion in the Far East, are faced with a number of domestic and foreign complications which promise to make their task more difficult.

The announcement that the Joint Chiefs of Staff will visit the Far East, the decision to reinforce the U.S. Fleet in the Western Pacific and hints that the U.S. will offer some new encouragement to Nationalist China are developments testifying to the intensity of Washington's interest in the Asian problem and efforts to find some solution.

Many diplomatic observers believe the reports of possible aid to the beleaguered Nationalists on Formosa are designed to take some of the Congressional pressure off Mr Truman when the Congress convenes on January 3. Some influential legislators have hinted that they will abandon the bipartisan policy toward Europe if Mr Truman and Secretary of State Acheson do not afford support for Chiang Kai-shek at this time.

Such a breach would harm the Administration's chances of getting appropriations in the new session of Congress for the Marshall Plan in Europe and arms and military aid to European countries not under the Atlantic Pact.

THE DILEMMA

There are also indications that complete abandonment of the Nationalists by the Administration might jeopardise enough Congressional votes to spell defeat for some of the controversial domestic legislation which the President is most anxious to push through at this coming session.

It is pointed out, however, that if Mr Truman is forced to make good on hints that the U.S. will continue backing Nationalist China, it would have an unfortunate effect in other spheres. It would constitute reversal of the State Dept's policy, which is based on allowing Chiang to sink unless he can keep himself afloat, and counting upon the emergence of "Tilismans" in Communist China to eventually bring that nation into line with the western democracies.

It would also bring about a rift between the United States and her two most important allies in Europe and Asia, Britain and India. India already has recognized the Chinese Communists and Britain is expected to do so before the middle of January.

INDIA'S IMPORTANCE

It is upon India that the United States has been relying most strongly as a bulwark to prevent the spread of Communism into Southeast Asia.

In addition, continued United States support for the Nationalists would make it extremely difficult to arrive at any procedure for calling a Japanese peace treaty, since the United States and her principal allies would not be able to agree on which Chinese Government should be invited to sit in at the conference table.

It would also complicate the already difficult situation in the United Nations, which the United States might continue to support the Nationalists as a member of the Security Council while Britain, Russia and other nations would support the Chinese Communists as the rightful occupants of the Council seat.

Some observers believe the Administration might try to play for them by making a pretence of support to Chiang long enough to secure sufficient pro-Nationalist Congressional support to ensure the passage of major measures in the House and Senate, and then drift around gradually to the point of recognising Communist China.

Such a procedure would be a tight squeeze, with serious consequences if it failed to work.—United Press.

Tramway Dispute: No Change

The tramway labour dispute entered its tenth day today without any solution in sight. For the past five days, the service has been completely suspended because of the lock-out.

The tramwaymen are maintaining shifts of pickets at the gates of the tram depots to prevent any resumption of service by using inspectors as motormen and conductors, as was contemplated by the company.

There was no change in the bus no-show on the island. A reduced number of buses are running.

Rocket Causes Loss Of Hand

Mr H.A. Triggs, of the Public Works Department, was the victim of an unfortunate accident a few minutes after the New Year had been ushered in and as a result of which he lost his right hand.

With others on board the Jardine steamer Mausing he was letting off rockets when one exploded and shattered his right hand. He was rushed to hospital where it was found necessary to amputate his right hand and wrist.

An Old Custom

Lisbon, Jan. 1.—The Portuguese New Year's Eve custom of throwing old pots and pans from windows at midnight sent several people to hospital in Lisbon.—Associated Press.

How N. Yorkers Welcomed New Year

New York, Jan. 1.—Three-quarters of a million New Yorkers jammed Times Square to roar a welcome to 1950.

A lighted ball on top of the tower of the New York Times building fell at the stroke of midnight. Miles of ticker tape and paper floated down on their heads from skyscrapers fronting the Square and long Broadway.

Night clubs and cabarets had full houses despite their prices. Diners at the swankiest were charged \$25 for dinner and entertainment. Drinks were extra.

The less luxurious spots charged \$7.50 for dinner with a novelty hat thrown in. One night club provided an old fashioned milk wagon in its parking area to supply cold milk to celebrants who drank too deeply.

St Patrick's Catholic Cathedral in New York held a Midnight Mass celebrated by Cardinal Francis Spellman, Archbishop of New York—the first New Year's Eve Midnight Mass ever celebrated there—to ask Divine Blessing for the 1950 Holy Year.

In London, the biggest crowds since the war thronged Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square to usher in 1950 with sirens, songs and cheers. Churches overflowed and many people were turned away from midnight services.

Celebrations in other capitals reported by Reuter correspondents were:

Paris: Parisians celebrated quietly. There were no special decorations, lighting effects, bells or sirens to herald the New Year.

For most people the traditional "revellion" was celebrated privately in their own homes.

Vatican City: Three thousand Holy Year pilgrims attended New Year's Mass, celebrated by the Pope this morning in the Benedictine Hall.

The Pope, carried into the Hall in his Papal chair, was greeted by the cheers of pilgrims from France, the Argentine, Western Germany, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Brazil.

Moscow: Twelve strokes of the Kremlin chimed ushered in the New Year.

A Tass message picked up in London said: "Moscow is infinitely beautiful this New Year morning. The snow sparkles reflecting the countless electric lights and the rays of the moon. It has covered the trees, the streets, squares, parks, and adds a fairy tale touch to the iron railings of Moscow's bridges and boulevards."—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Colony's Labour Troubles

THE New Year begins with Hongkong's Labour displaying disconcerting signs of restiveness. Grievances, real and imaginary, are being used as threats to disrupt certain utility services, and what started off as a dispute between Tramway workers and the company, is now showing signs of snowballing to include concerns such as the motor bus companies on both sides of the harbour, the Gas Company and the Telephone Company. Mentioned too, during last week, was the Dairy Farm, some of whose employees made tentative proposals for revised allowances. Only in the case of the Tramways has any drastic action been taken by either side.

The men made the first move by engaging in a so-called "go slow" strike which took the form of permitting as many people as could crowd on the trams to travel without payment of fares. The action was indisputably a violation of the terms of employment, and in any event was a stupid action inasmuch that trams became dangerously overcrowded.

With a curious line of reasoning the "Trammites" believed that they were serving the public, yet in fact only a proportion of regular commuters to and from the city were able to make use of the trams because accommodation was taken up by the hordes who joyfully took advantage of free rides for the fun of the thing. The Tramway Company took the only proper course and withdrew the service, simultaneously dismissing a number of men who had played an active part in the "go slow" farce.

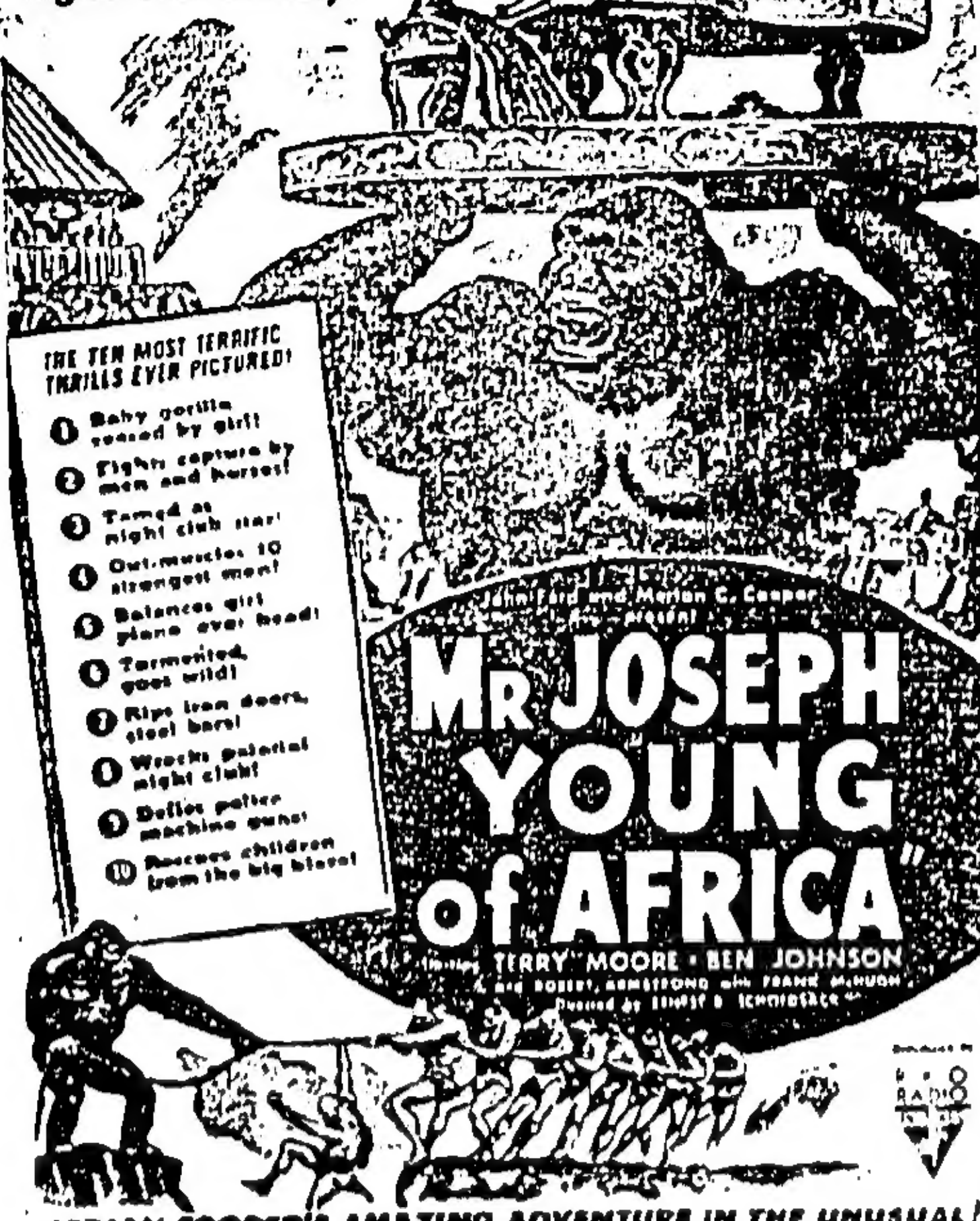
Responsibility for the next move rests squarely on the shoulders of the tramway workers. The Company offers to go to a strictly neutral, unbiased Court of Arbitration and expresses willingness to stand by its decision. This is the only

course left and the discontented "Trammites" will be well advised to agree to the proposition. They cannot expect to obtain satisfaction by any other means, and the longer they refuse arbitration, the more alienated will become public sympathy for whatever cause they may have. Moreover, the motives of their Union leaders become suspect when they are prepared to ask Government to mediate, but will not listen to the idea of arbitration. There are also inescapable implications connected with the agitation for new working conditions for employees of the Gas, Bus and Telephone companies. Each and everyone demand the same \$3 per day increase in rehabilitation allowance, without the slightest justification. Furthermore, there are good reasons to believe that only a minority are really interested in presenting such a demand; it is noteworthy to recall that agitators in the China Light and Power Company could not attract sufficient attendance at the meetings they called to enable any action to be taken. The suspicion, not without foundation, that the few are coercing the many, emphasises the need for the introduction of the secret ballot at workers' meetings called to discuss new demands on employers or to decide whether or not to strike. Since the war, Hongkong's trade unions have been given considerable official encouragement to organise themselves along proper and sound lines, but all this effort on their behalf will be wasted if members continue to permit extremists to hold the key positions and to allow themselves to be pitchforked into disputes and strikes for which they have no genuine desire. Political domination of the unions will deny them the right to exist.

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THE SIXTIES

THE sixties. What then? "Well, people at my time of life tend to do one of two things—go girlish or settle down quietly to old age," says Lady Curtis-Bennett, wife of Sir Noel Curtis-Bennett, and a woman who finds the sixties a good age to enjoy life.



Two firm
favourites
from my
wardrobe.



The problem is not to get caught at either extreme, she argues. "For a woman who tries so remorselessly to catch up on the years is no lover of leisure. Those treatments and fussings take oh! so much time. "And at the other end it's also so easy to lapse into the grumpy approach. All you need is a dull dress and unlimited knit-ties."

Mine's the age for suing yourself

SHE believes women in her age group tend to let up on the problems of how to dress. "That's a pity for the sixties provide the earliest time of all for choosing clothes. It's the age to wear what suits you. For the first time in 40 years you can forget what the fashion books say. If you have and tailored skirts become you, then have the courage to put them on. "You certainly won't look older in a newer style that doesn't suit you."

On colours: "Avoid the drab granny shades or buy the kind designed for gay grandees. It needn't always be black. What about grey, with soft pink or tan or a clear navy blue?"

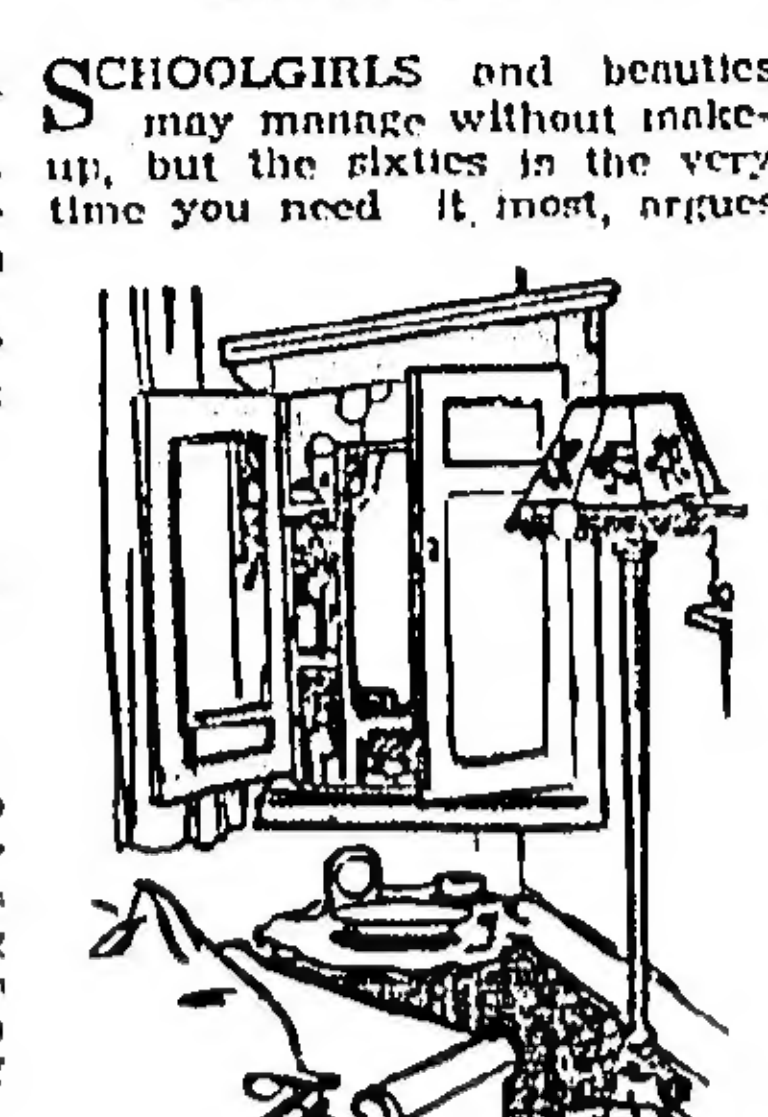
On necklines: "Try to wear a softening line round the neck. A small chignon with a plain suit, for instance." On hats: "Choose a style that flatters your face even if it's not the latest shape. Don't be tempted by periscope-like plumes and feathers. Above all, wear one in town. So few greyhair styles can stand the blow about look."

On coats: "These full, peasant styles are for your daughter. Older women should keep to skirts with a slim line, they are so much more graceful." On shoes: "There's no need even in the name of comfort to slip around in dreary shoes. Look for smarter designs with a medium heel."

Her favourite clothes: "She wears:—blue suit, navy hat and accessories. The tailored suit jacket is the kind to survive any fashion change."

For special occasions: "An elephant-grey silk suit, pastel-coloured gloves, scarf, and hat trimmings. Smart sling-back tan shoes and grey stockings to match." For evening out: "A black cocktail dress with erise silk lining to the cap sleeves, and an evening bag in the same material. A front panel of knife-pleats in the skirt. The plain Peter Pan collar and unfussy bodice line. She wears long gloves to match. "I like my arms covered, it's more becoming."

Mine's the age for little extras...



MAKE-UP CORNER

In a corner of a bedroom, an antique cupboard, well lighted, and fitted with tiny shelves for cosmetics. And there's a mirror, too just in the right place.

Mine's the age for keeping your treasures around you

HOME means a lot to Lady Curtis-Bennett.

"At last I've reached the age to enjoy a comfortable clutter about the home." "I don't tidy away treasures any more. I think that all my ornaments are worth the effort of dusting."

Lady Curtis-Bennett lives with her husband and family in a big Victorian house in Kensington.

The two things I've grown to realise are most important in a home are gentle colours and furniture worth a glance. How I hate these modern furnishings—they bore you so quickly."

Three ideas about the Curtis-Bennett home. In the bedroom, an antique corner wall cupboard fitted with tiny shelves and a mirror for cosmetics. A marble mantelpiece solid with ornaments. A black silk cap hanging on a green sitting-room door. (London Express Service)

Wordsworth's Centenary To Be Celebrated

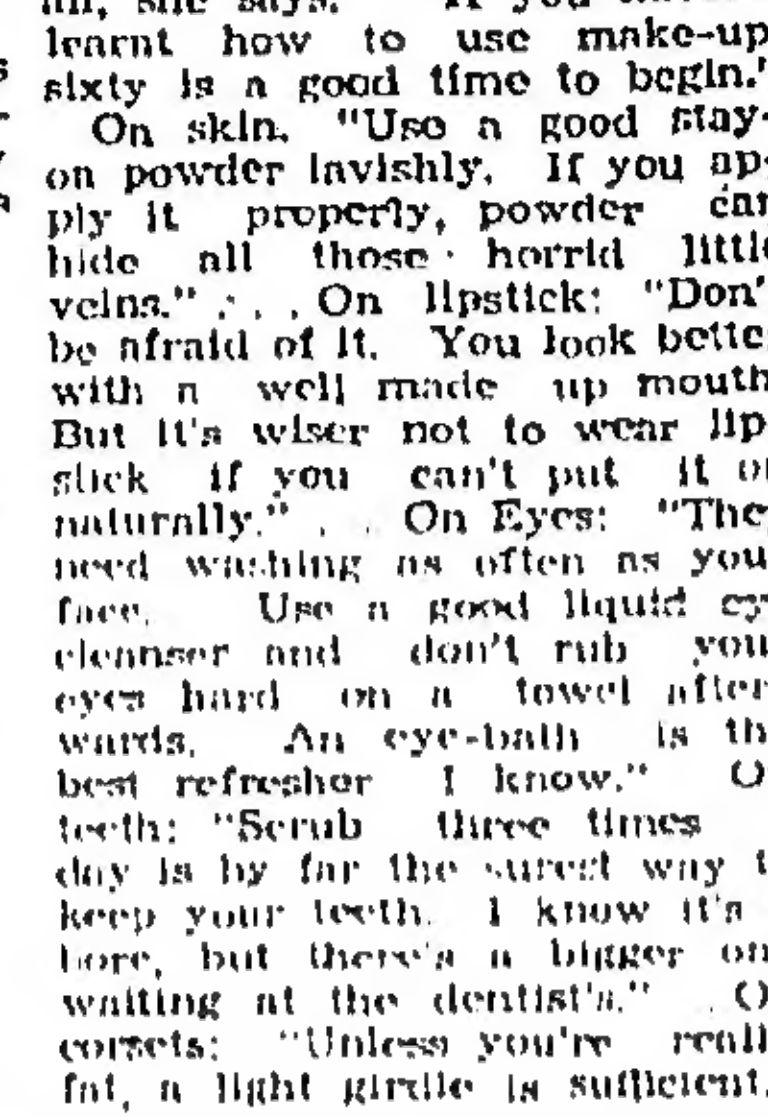
BOYS and girls who are lovers of poetry would, no doubt, like to be in Britain's Lake District in the spring of 1950, when there will be special celebrations to mark the centenary of the death of the great English poet, William Wordsworth, who passed away on April 23, 1850, at Rydal Mount, Ambleside. There will be two separate series of celebrations—in the Poet's own country-side. The first, to be held at Grasmere, not far from Ambleside in the beautiful English county of Westmorland, will include lectures, addresses, readings, excursions to various parts of this district, and a service at which the Archbishop of York will preach, in Grasmere Church on Sunday, April 23. These celebrations will last from April 21 to 24.

Poet's great-grandson The second series—from April 20 to 24—will take place in Ambleside, Rydal and Hawes, and be similar in character. Among the poetry readings will be one by Mr Richard Wordsworth, the poet's great-grandson, while the lecturers will include Professor G. W. Meyer of Tulane University, Louisiana, United States. An exhibition of Wordsworth's personal possessions, first editions of his works, and poems and letters in his handwriting, will be open in the Armit Library, Ambleside from April 22 to 29.

French Designer Predicts Fashions For Spring

DALLAS. "Silhouette interest will be above the waistline," he says, as in the big sleeves and. But in his midseason collection. The fact that he will emphasize softer fabrics does not mean an endorsement of full skirts, he explained. He likes the straightline skirt with easy fullness, and does not want to see skirts get much shorter. Desires thinks hemlines which dip or are uneven will increase in importance.

Star's Ideas For Home Economy



By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD. LADIES: Are your dishes hard to wash? Add soap powder to the food. Do your windows always look dirty? Paint them black. Are the children always tracking dirt in the back door? Send them around to track dirt in the front door.

These are Gracie Allen's ideas for saving wear and tear on the budget and the housewife.

"Any fool knows," says Gracie, "that in these days of high prices we all have to economize."

The comedienne's first suggestion for household economy is serving economical foods like artichokes.

"There's more left after you finish eating an artichoke than when you started," she pointed out.

Another way of saving money is to convince members of your family they're too fat.

"Trick mirrors add weight to the argument," she suggested.

Easier to Wash

Another cooking hint is adding a tablespoon of soap powder to everything. "It doesn't improve the flavour much, but it makes the dishes easier to wash."

The little wife also can buy prefabricated suits for men. They send you a bunch of sleeves, lapels, pockets, buttons, holes, pants-legs, seats and zippers and the wife puts them together.

"The death rate among husbands who wear homemade clothes is very low," she noted. "I don't know why, but George says it's because few men will be found dead in them."

There are so many other ways to save, Gracie found after setting her dark-matter to work. (It isn't gray, she says; it hasn't been used enough.) You can take off your glasses when not looking at anything, or roll up the carpets when nobody is walking on them.

Proper Way to Cleanse Skin



To get your face really clean, says Screen Star Virginia Grey, remove make-up with a thin cream, then wash face thoroughly with soap and water.

By HELEN FOLLETT

HAVE you heard little children sing "This is the way we wash our clothes"? Naturally. They might better sing "This is the way we wash our face" and have the maids stand by to see that they do it properly. Neglect of complexion in childhood often leads to acne—during the teenage period.

Some young women, even older ones, are not so fastidious about this matter as they should be. They seem to consider that the skin surface of the face is somehow more delicate than that on the body, and it isn't. Unless it has a soap problem, it is all the better for a rubbing with plenty of friction. If there is an oily condition, and the pores carry black points, it is a good idea to use shaving soap until it luffs up like egg white.

While all toilet soaps these days are reliable and bland, one may choose more agreeable than another, so do a little experimenting if you feel that you have complexion problems.

Remove make-up with a thin cream, let a little remain on before using soap and water. This combination is especially soothing to the dry skin. Use water warm enough to form strong suds. Rinse with warm water, and while the flesh is glowing, rub in a little cream.

Some women use only soap, some use only cleansing creams, but the smart one will use both. All skins, except the excessively oily ones, are benefited by lubrication. The massage necessary for the application of emollients rouses circulation, pulsates colour in the cheeks, exercises the underlying muscles.

This practice is often an insurance against wrinkles as it tends to keep the tissues firm. If soap proves irritating, get a cosmetic meal. These meals are not only cleansing, but the starch content tends to soothe a sensitive surface. You will find them wherever toiletries are sold.

Let's Eat BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Serve Sweet Potato Peanut Croquettes With Ham Dishes

"MADAME, are sweet potatoes a vegetable or a dessert?" Inquired the Chef. "They are classed as a vegetable, but they are also used in many more agreeable than another, so do a little experimenting if you feel that you have complexion problems."

"Certainly not," dessert comes at the end of the meal. "There's nothing in the name of good taste, do I find with some meat courses the glazed sweet potatoes, all full of syrup or topped with marshmallows? Or the sweet potatoes cooked with orange juice and sugar, or even what they call 'candied' sweet potatoes. In the opinion of this Chef it is the example of very poor taste. Here you have a fine vegetable, the sweet potato. Nature had already provided enough sugar. Why add more sweet concoctions?"

Delicious Baked "I agree, Chef. Sweet potatoes are delicious plain baked, or boiled or pressure-cooked in the skins, then shaken over a low heat to drive off the excess moisture before peeling."

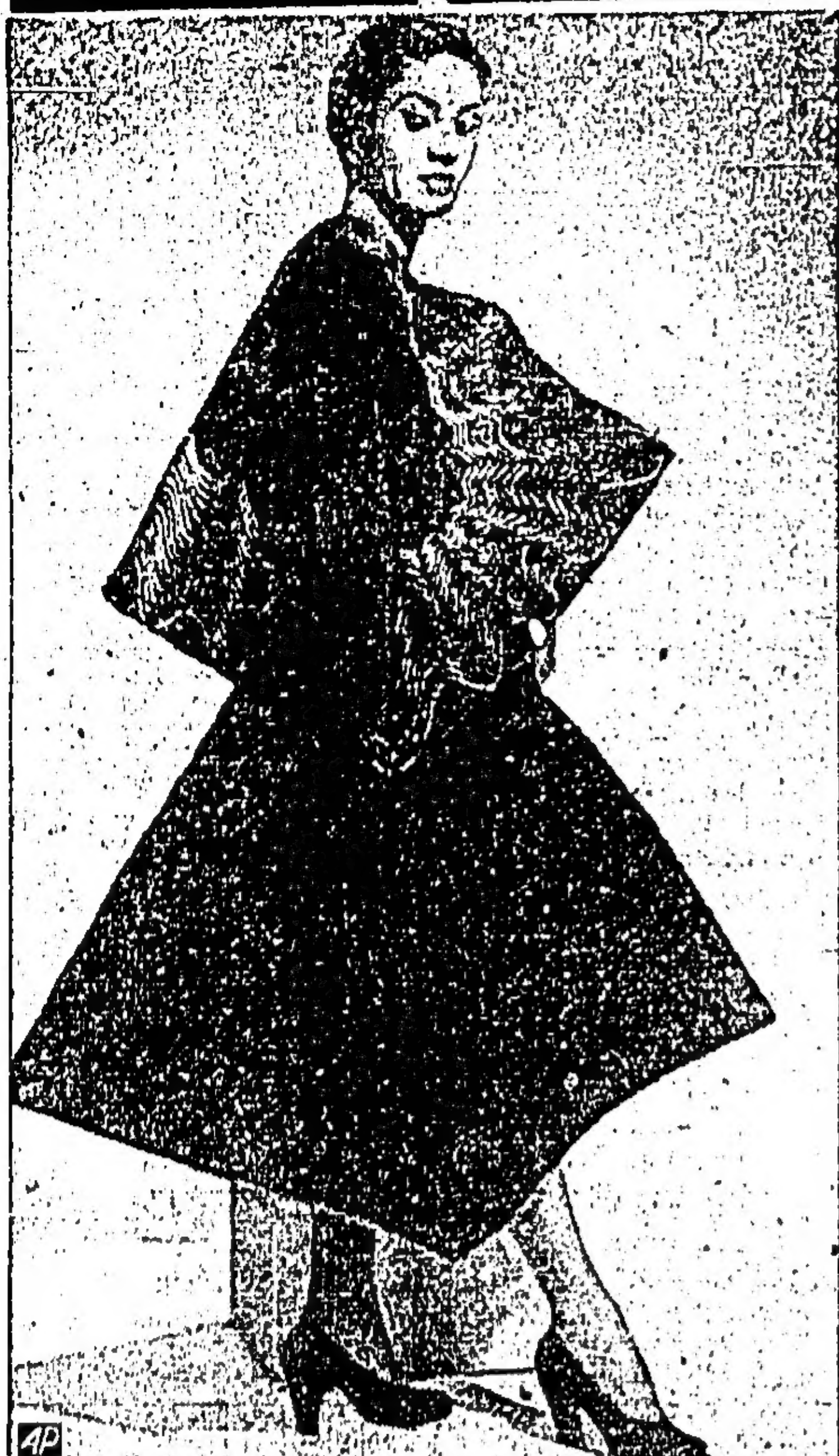
Drives Off Moisture "I agree, Chef. The heat of the oven drives off the excess moisture, and partly caramelises the natural sugar giving that exceptionally rich taste. If sweet potatoes are boiled, care must be taken to keep them from being soggy. They should be scrubbed and boiled or pressure-cooked in their jackets. Drain off the water, and shake the potatoes over a low heat to drive off the moisture. Then peel and pour over them a little melted butter or margarine, or garnish with crumbled crisp bacon."

"And you know what I like, Madame? It is a good piece of boiled beef with horse-radish sauce, accompanied by a nice baked sweet potato—and a big dill pickle."

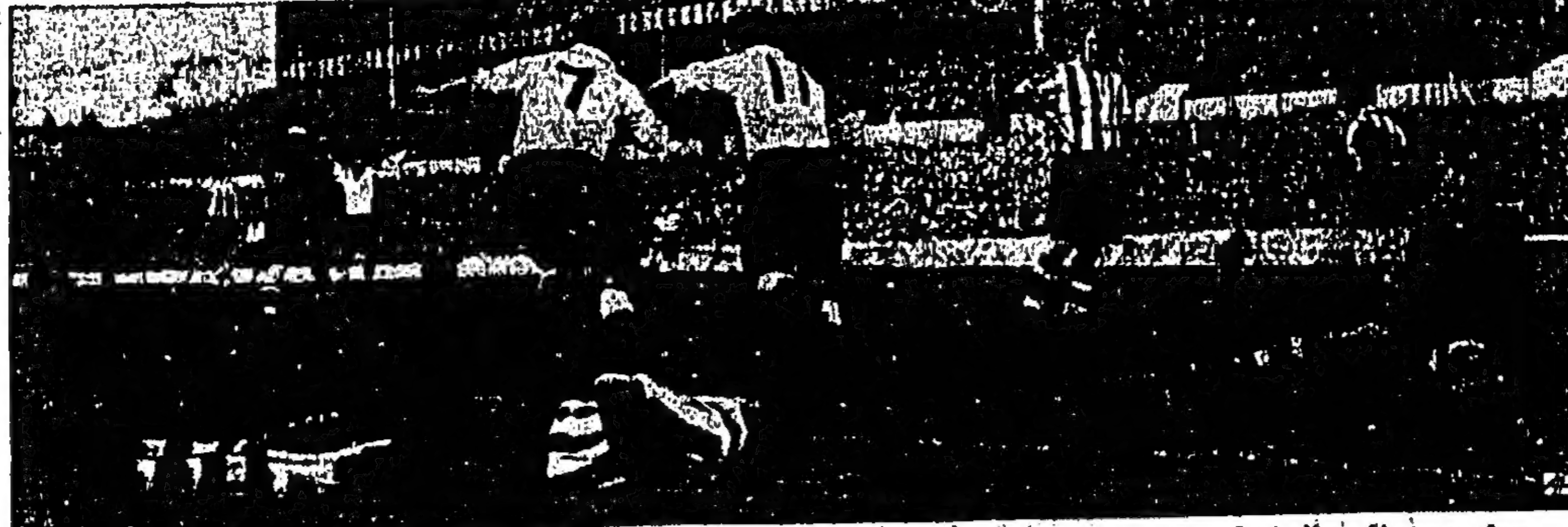
Dinner Tomato-Noodle Onion Soup Ham a la King on Toast Pickles Sweet Potato Peanut Croquettes String Beans Apple Custard Pie Coffee or Tea Milk (Children) Include enriched bread or rolls with butter or margarine All Measurements Are Level Recipes Serve Four Ham a la King Dice enough leftover ham (or use tinned chopped ham) to make 2 c. Then prepare the a la king sauce as follows:

Suggestion of the Chef Break 2 oz. fine noodles in 1" lengths, and boil until tender in 3 c. water containing 2 envelopes broth, powder, or 2 bouillon cubes. Add 1 tin condensed tomato soup and simmer 3 min. Serve in soup plates with a garnish of chopped onion sauteed in butter.

PIC TURAL NEWS FRONT



POINTS FORE AND AFT—Schlaparelli's "House of Cards" silhouette is of red velvet embroidered in rows of coloured sequins, with jacket and skirt cut and wired into points.



JUBILATION AND DEJECTION—Two Tottenham players (7 and 11) walk away happily after scoring, while the Sheffield United goalkeeper and another defender lie dismally on the ground during a football game at Tottenham.



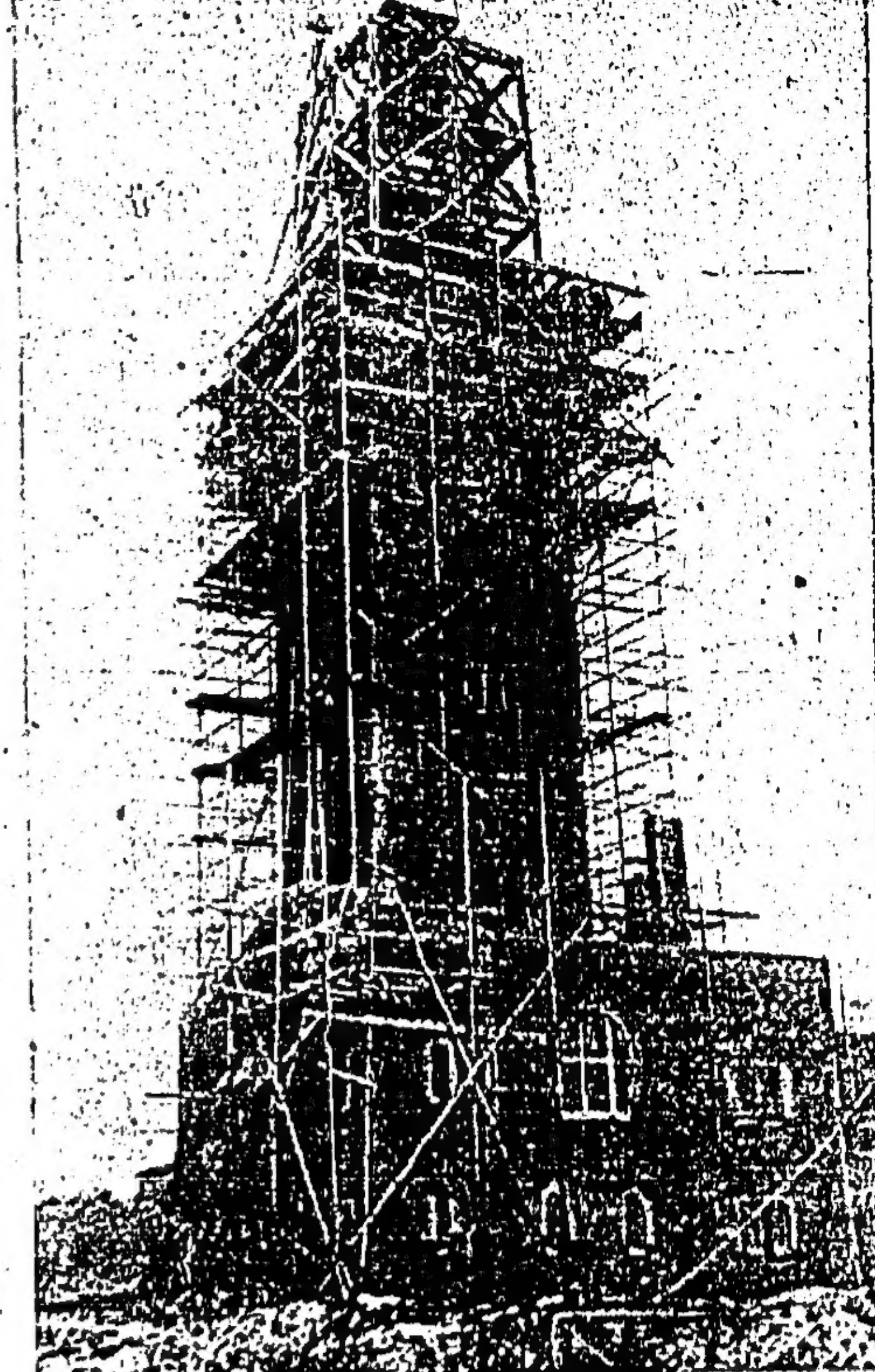
OFF THE SET—Dorothy Kirsten, operatic star, wears a net over her hairdo between scenes of her first film, with Bing Crosby, "Mr Music," now being filmed in Hollywood.



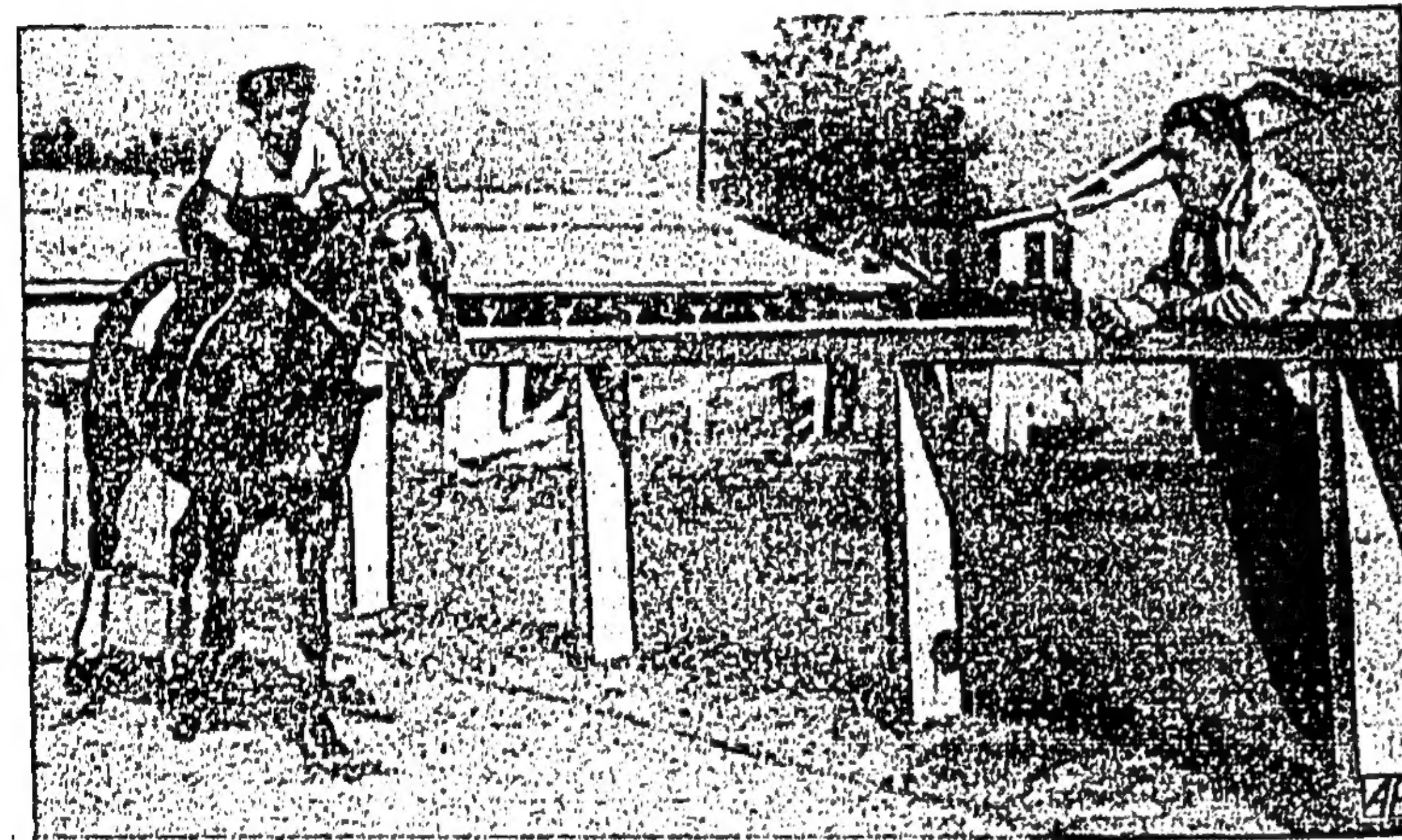
NEW LORD MAYOR—Sir Frederick Rowland, London's new Lord Mayor, greets well-wishers as he drives from the Law Courts in a ceremonial coach after being sworn in.



U.S. NAVY CHIEF—Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, 53, former Mediterranean commander, is new U.S. Chief of Naval Operations succeeding Adm. Louis Denfeld.



NEW GERMAN RADIO NETWORK—A new ultra-shortwave transmitter is being constructed near Frankfurt, in line with the new German expansion programme. Broadcasters hope to set up a network of transmitters throughout the three Western zones.



SHE RIDES EVERY MORNING—Gertie Ogle, one of the few exercise girls on the track, works Blue Camella under the eye of her trainer, Bernie Ritch, at Fair Grounds, New Orleans.



RED CROSS HEADS—Gen. George Marshall (left), new president of the American Red Cross, chats with Basil O'Connor, former president, at a Washington dinner in the latter's honour.



ENTER, LAUGHING—Frederick Brisson and his wife, Rosalind Russell, and Gregory Peck and Mrs. Peck (l. to r.) arrive in England aboard the Queen Elizabeth for a Royal command performance.



HAS CHRIST ROLE—Anton Priesinger, 37-year-old innkeeper, has been chosen to play the leading role of Christ in 1950 Passion Play at Oberammergau, Germany.



PLAYING ALL COMERS—E. D. Bogoljubow (left), 1949 German chess champion, plays 40 opponents simultaneously during finals of the German chess championships at Darmstadt.



NUNS SERVE—Franciscan nuns serve at the refreshment bar of the Buerger Theatre in Munich, owned by their Order. Proceeds help to rebuild war-damaged Franciscan centres.



NEW SECRETARY—Oscar L. Chapman has been appointed Secretary of the Interior by President Truman, succeeding Julius A. Krug who resigned.



NEW GATEWAY TO ROME—Some platforms to serve railway travellers in the new Central Station in Rome will be usable this month, but construction will continue.



MOTHER'S HOBBY—Mrs. Louis Rudolph, mother of a student, shows one of the chinchillas she raises, at a parent-student hobby show at the Brooklyn Technical High School.



B-50D HAS 6,000-MILE RANGE—The new Boeing B-50D bomber has two 600-gallon external fuel tanks, a speed of more than 400 miles an hour, and a range of 6,000 miles.

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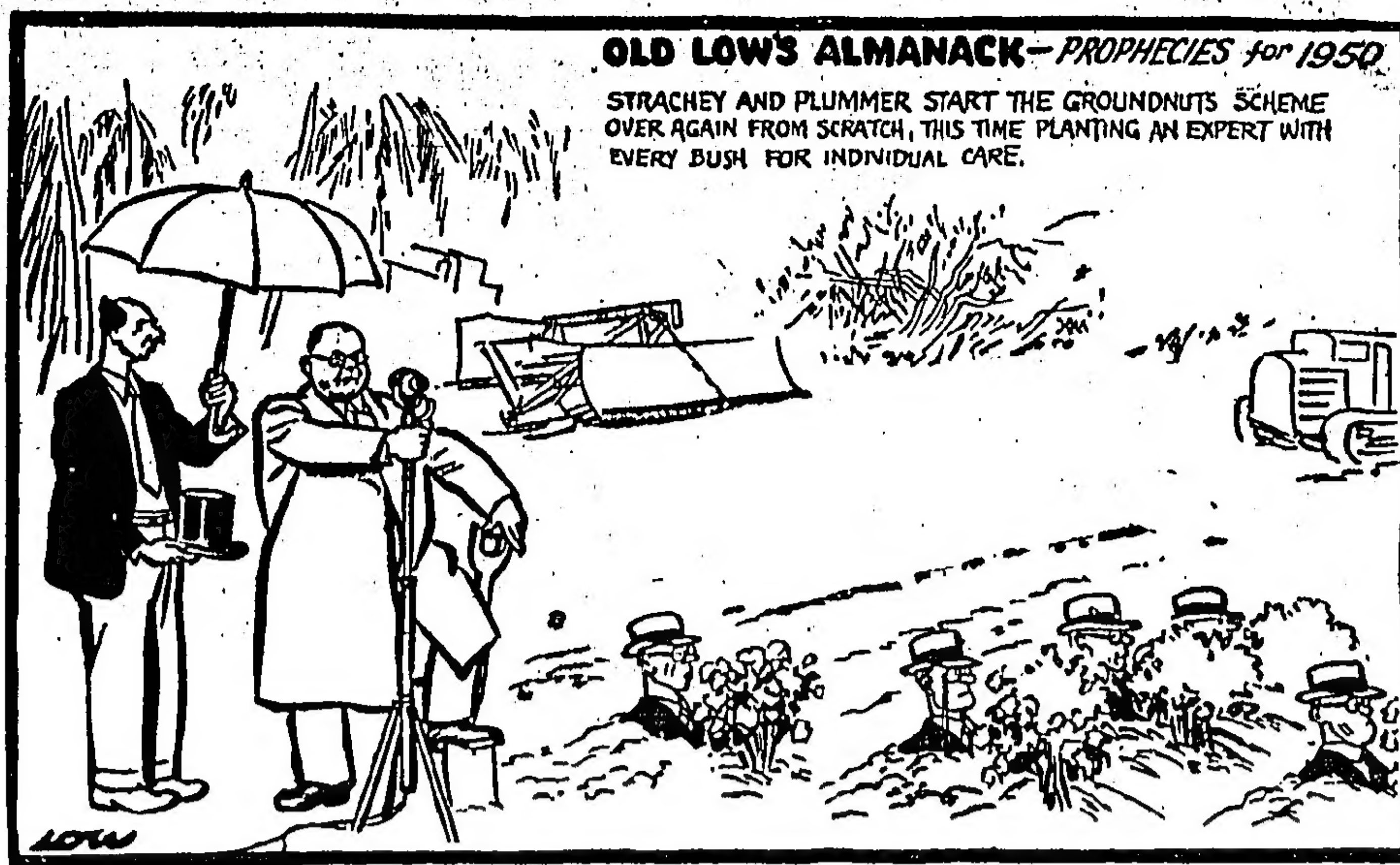


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Boy with an idea has £60,000 a year firm

How a £3 a week
 train spotter
 made good

PRESIDING over a dinner party to more than 100 guests in London recently was a man of 27 who has shown that even in today's control-ridden, heavily taxed Britain an idea can still be turned into big money.

Ian Allan's idea was simple enough. Why not build a business on the enthusiasm of every normal small boy (and some small girls) to be an engine driver? Capitalising that idea has lifted this tall, slim, quiet-spoken young man from being a £3-a-week clerk on the Southern Railway to being the controller of a business which this year has turned over £60,000 and will probably do £100,000 next year.

Left with signalman

ALLAN WAS born on June 29, 1922, in Christ's Hospital, Horsham, where his father was clerk to this famous school. Very early he developed the railway "bug." The story is told that when his parents went off to Brighton for the day, young Ian would be left in the care of a local signalman to watch the engines go by and jot down their numbers.

In due time Ian himself joined the Southern Railway as a clerk in the advertising department.

His belief in the magic of railway engines was confirmed at Waterloo, where day after day he saw groups of small boys taking down engine names and numbers in grubby penny notebooks.

Friends laughed

SO, IN his spare time, he compiled a complete list of Southern Railway locomotive numbers and names. When he told his friends he intended to publish this at a copy they laughed. "Who," they asked, "would want to buy just a list of numbers without any reading matter or pictures?"

Allan went ahead. In 1942 the "ABC of Southern Railway Locomotives" appeared on the bookshelves. It sold 2,000 copies in the first week. And the fan mail started to pour in. Boys wrote to Allan asking if he knew what had happened to such-and-such an engine or seeking help on some technical point.

Thousands applied

WHY NOT a club for these enthusiasts? thought Allan. So, in 1943, the Loco Spotters' Club started operations from the Streatham home of another Southern Railway clerk, Mollie

Franklin, who is now Mrs Ian Allan.

In the first year thousands of applications for membership poured in at 1s. a head. Today the club has 50,000 members, ranging in age from five upwards.

The oldest spotter is probably 78-year-old James Kentish, of Lee, London, S.E.12, who started listing engines 70 years ago.

£3 'pin money'

POSSIBLY NO one in Britain can equal his distinction of having spotted all the engines of the old Southern Railway from No. 1 to No. 330.

C.V.R. Thompson Reports The American Scene

New York. WILFRED Yant, of Los Angeles, has proved again that it is possible to become a millionaire in America almost overnight.

In the hills above Hollywood there is a barren valley called Placerita. Fifteen years ago Yant bought it for 17 guineas an acre.

Two years later he went to goal for selling part of it at a profit of £700 an acre.

The court called him a confidence trickster because he left the impression with buyers that there was oil under Placerita's sands.

A few months ago Yant came back to Placerita. Old-timers laughed when they heard he

Lea Allan . . . Spotter No. 1

By 1945 Allan's £3 a week as a junior Grade 5 clerk had become little more than pin money to him.

He threw up his railway job, and with a colleague and a girl typist set up in business in a bomb-damaged building in Vauxhall Bridge-road as railway publishers.

Employs father

TODAY THE firm has a staff of 30. From railways it has branched out into books about buses, aircraft, and transport.

Ian Allan has another distinction. He is one of the few boys able to give father a job.

William Townsend

London Express

Chapter 13 Of . . . The Greatest Story Ever Told

By Fulton Oursler

AS he waited for the prisoner to be caught and brought before him, Annas, the most powerful man in Israel, felt depressed. Already he foresaw certain trouble. Wearily he mounted the platform and sat in the imposing chair, as the door was flung open and the captain of the guard stood at attention before him.

"Lord," he said, "We have done as you commanded. We have taken the man prisoner. Behold Him at the door—Jesus of Nazareth!"

Annas made a churlish clearing of his throat and clapped his hands together. His withered body seemed to grow taller as he resolved not to be outstared by his prisoner. Let the fellow realise He was brought first before Annas because Annas was the most important man in Jerusalem, the behind-the-scenes power, the uncrowned king of Israel—and the multitude who had begun to murmur that their Nazarene was "King of the Jews" must soon hear of this proud, responsible moment: all the hardened arteries and clogged veins of the old man glowed with a reborn physical warmth and sense of power.

"Jesus, you are called a blasphemer!" began Annas; He held his wrist tight against his ribs as he pointed to Jesus. "Are you a blasphemer?"

No Appeasement

THE ready smile of Jesus had in it no complaisance or appeasement. He looked about Him, comprehension without mockery in His glance. When He spoke, His voice was calm and unshaken, there was in His well-mastered tones the country accent of a Nazarene:

"I have spoken openly to the world. I taught in the synagogue, in the Temple, where all the Jews come together—and in secret I spoke nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask them that have heard Me!"

A reluctant glitter of admiration came into the scornful eyes of Annas. This self-assured prisoner was shrewd—not one to be caught easily in a snare. Promptly He had just taken His stand as an innocent man, squarely on His rights and privileges as a citizen, living under the law of Moses. Annas would have to prove these charges by witnesses in a court of law; that was the technical, legal meaning of Jesus's answer.

"I see!" murmured Annas, milking his beard. "You demand proof? Very well, Jesus of Nazareth, I hold you for trial. For immediate trial. Blasphemy!"

From the hands of Annas, Jesus was led directly to the home of the high priest which adjoined the Temple. The journey, which on foot took less than twenty minutes, was made in silence, commanded by the guards; at that hour the narrow, colling Jerusalem streets were deserted. Except for the hired mob, and Judas and the Roman soldiers, almost no one saw the dismal procession on its way to the judgment. Everyone knew that now the trial could go on.

Truth And Justice

WITHOUT delay Joseph Calphas strode forward with a grand sweep of arms and robes and took a commanding position. He spoke in serious, even gentle tones:

"I ask for silence! I ask for attention! I ask for truth and justice!"

In a low, responsive murmur came the chorused answer: "So mote it be!"

Upon which Calphas, turning to the great doorway called out:

"Jesus of Nazareth, stand forth!"

Await Orders

OUTSIDE the priest's front door they waited for orders from Calphas—the mob surging around Jesus who, wrists bound, stood erect between two soldiers. Not once did the luminous brown eyes turn; had He looked left, He might have seen a stout figure warming tough old hands nervously above a pan of coals.

But Jesus did not see Peter then, nor did He look to the right where, among the moist dark faces of hired disturbers, He might also have seen the young and distrustful face of John.

Peter was still warming his hands when a young woman carrying a bucket stopped suddenly before him. The girl's name was Huldah and she was one of the favourite servants of Calphas; she studied Peter with slow recognition.

"You!" she said, something spiteful in her voice. "It?" answered Peter in a worried tone. "You. You were also with Jesus, the Galilean." "I don't know what you are saying," stammered Peter.

A Cock Crows

"YOU were with Him," Huldah insisted, stamping her foot.

"Woman, I know Him not," said Peter, and shook his head. He moved off, hoping to lose himself in the crowd, but before he could go two steps, another maid joined Huldah, crying shrilly:

"Surely he is one of them. He is a Galilean himself. Even the way he talks gives him away."

Then Peter uttered an oath and swore:

"I don't know this man you are talking about."

The lying words had, no more left his lips than there came a hush in the clamour of voices, and Peter heard the shrill crowing of a cock. And when Peter turned he was looking into the eyes of Jesus, and it was the compassion in those eyes that made the fisherman weep bitter tears.

In The Hall

THE prisoner was kept waiting outside the Hall of Judgment while the crowd inside watched the space between two monoliths at the entrance, where they knew He must very soon appear.

The high vaulted basilica of the council chamber where the trial would be held was lit with hundreds of oil-burning torches set in niches cut in the walls. An enormous auditorium, built of great marble pieces, it was called the Hall of Hewn Stones, or Lishkath Haggazit, and was regarded as the national shrine of Justice.

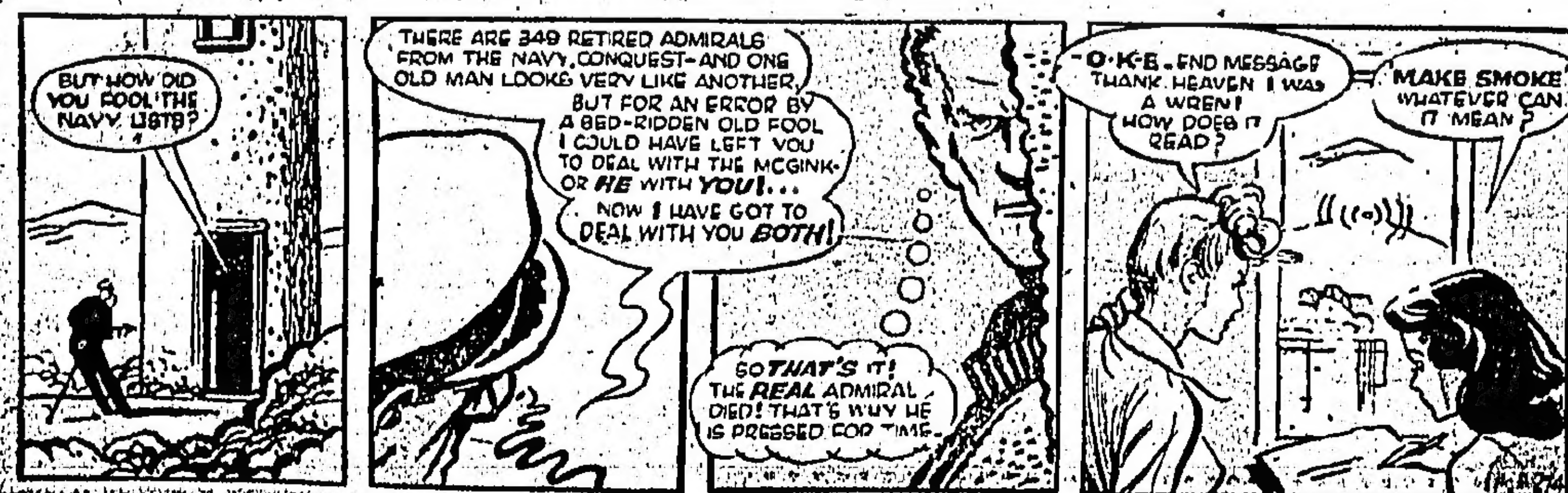
Through a small door to the left popped suddenly, like a breeze of authority, the little figure of Annas. Promptly on the midnight bugles he came, the crab-apple face pale in the fluttering torchlight; the wisp of white hair grayed and pushed back. Solemnly the little man marched to the table where stood Calphas, arms folded in magnificently pretended repose. Briefly Annas spoke to his son-in-law, then made his way to a reserved cushion and sank down upon it with a painful little grunt.

TO BE CONTINUED TOMORROW

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APPARENT DIFFERENCE IN ANGLO-AMERICAN POLICY TOWARDS CHINESE REDS

London, Dec. 31.—The apparent conflict between British and American policy toward Communist China drew diplomatic comment in The Times and Manchester Guardian today, but received little space in the mass circulation dailies.

Funds Voted By French Assembly

Paris, Dec. 31.—The French National Assembly today voted credits equivalent to one-twelfth of the 1949 expenditure to keep the nation legally in funds until the 1950 budget is approved.

The Parliamentary crisis over the 1950 budget was ended last night when the Assembly gave the Government two votes of confidence on new tax measures but there was no chance of voting the budget before midnight tonight.

The Assembly was tonight still debating various budget-balancing measures. Then, the Government's taxation plans still have to go before the Upper House—the Council of the Republic.

The Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, tonight asked the Assembly for votes of confidence on three points:

1. 34 milliard francs of new resources.
2. On the budget being balanced.
3. On the Budget Bill as a whole.

The three votes of confidence are expected to be taken on Monday.

The first confidence question is the voting of a round sum of 34 milliard francs to ensure the balance of the budget. After yesterday's vote of credits, 27 milliard francs were still needed to secure the balance that the Premier, M. Bidault, insists upon. Earlier votes today provided three milliards of diverse resources.

Thirty-four milliards were needed to close the gap between expenses and receipts. They will be obtained chiefly from taxes on companies, road transport and public contracts.

The second confidence vote is to guarantee that once balanced the budget cannot be upset by any further amendments.

The third vote will be to approve the whole Budget Bill once the first two votes are secured.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL'S MESSAGE TO TORIES

London, Dec. 31.—Mr Winston Churchill today urged Conservatives to combat on every possible occasion the "unscrupulous claims and lies" the Labour Government would make in the forthcoming general election.

This, he said, might come "before many months—may be weeks".

In a New Year message to the Conservative Party, Mr Churchill said they had already had a foretaste of the way in which Labour was going to conduct the campaign "for their own survival". They will make false claims about their own achievements and untruthful attacks on the past record and future intentions of the wicked Tories. They will use every possible device to conceal from the electorate the results of their own folly and mismanagement", he said.

"I need not remind the Conservatives of the disastrous consequences that would ensue if the Socialists, who have shown themselves so conspicuously unfit to govern, were again returned to power", he said.

"We have before us the inspiring example of New Zealand and Australia, where the people have at length succeeded in ridding themselves of the burden of Socialism.

"This happy result could never have been achieved without energetic and wholehearted support given to their leaders by all concerned, down to the workers in the smallest branches of the opposition parties."—Reuter.

NEW ATOM TEST PREPARATIONS

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—Buildings on the atomic test island, Eniwetok atoll, are being renovated but the date of the next test remains a secret.

The opening of an office in Honolulu to engage labour has been disclosed by the contractors in charge of facilities at Eniwetok. A spokesman for the firm said that all buildings and utilities on the atoll had deteriorated greatly since the atom test early in 1948. Salt spray and humidity there ruined even steel in a matter of months, he said.—Reuter.

THE COMMUNIST DAILY WORKER

The Communist Daily Worker splashed reports that America would send arms and military advisers to Formosa, Chiang Kai-shek's last stronghold, under the banner headline, "America's Last-Hour Bid To Grab China Base."

The diplomatic correspondent of the Manchester Guardian said today that recent events and press accounts of American views on the Chinese problem "seem to confirm what has long been suspected, namely, that the United States has no firm coherent policy towards China."

That would obviously make any concerted British and American action in this part of the world even harder," he said.

The Manchester Guardian's correspondent forewarned a situation in the Security Council where Britain would support admission of a representative of Communist China while the United States would oppose it. Though it had been clear in some time that such a situation would arise "it appears that little attempt has been made to concert Anglo-American action to meet it," he said.

UNFORTUNATE RESULT

Britain, after recognising the Communists, also "clearly can take no part" in the defence of Formosa, the correspondent wrote, adding, "The United States might extend such intervention by the United States might lead her armed forces into military action against the forces of a Government with which we were in normal diplomatic relations cannot be clearly foreseen, but the possibility that such actions might not be confined to the island of Formosa is obvious."

The diplomatic correspondent of the Times of London said that one unfortunate result of continuing American support for Nationalist resistance in Formosa might be "closer co-operation by the Peking Government with the Soviet Union."

OCCUPIED TERRITORY

He also referred to a possible "awkward situation" which might arise in the Security Council over the admission of Communist China, but added, "Presumably, however, the two Governments will take such precautions as are possible against running into difficulties that could prejudice the start of co-operation to help Southeast Asia."

"In Formosa, some need arise," he added. "The island is regarded by this country as occupied territory, and the Government there, though it is in effect the Chinese Nationalist one, is regarded as a local authority set up by the Chinese on behalf of the Allied Powers at the time of the Japanese surrender."—Reuter.

NO GREAT CHANGE

Washington, Dec. 31.—No surprising developments in United States policy on China and Formosa is to be expected from current Far Eastern discussions here, American officials said today.

They denied reports that the Truman Administration was considering or had already made major decisions on new aid programmes for the Chinese Nationalist Government in Formosa, its last stronghold. They repeated denials that President Truman had decided to send a military mission there.

They said British recognition of the Chinese Communist Government would not cause difficulties about Formosa because both the United States and Britain considered the island part of Japan's former occupied territories.

Thus its final disposition must await completion of a Japanese peace treaty despite its present occupation under Allied agreement by the Chinese Nationalists.

EXPECTED MOVES

Official and other well-informed circles here generally expect the following developments:

1. Republicans in the Congressional session opening on

TUESDAY WILL INTENSIFY POLITICAL PRESSURE FOR AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONALISTS' LAST STAND ON FORMOSA

2. This pressure will be supported by General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Tokyo, and certain sections of the Defence Establishment.

It will be further intensified by the nation's predominantly Republican press with reports of leaks of alleged decisions, disputes among officials and crossing of wires generally.

3. The State Department will resist it and refuse to be forced to a hasty decision on the exhaustive review of American Far Eastern policy which it has been conducting for months.

Dr Philip Jessup, Ambassador, who has been conducting the review, is expected to arrive in Tokyo in a few days on his way to the Far East. He may visit Formosa and certainly will go to Southeast Asia.

TRUMAN'S MESSAGE

President Truman, in his "State of the Nation" message on Wednesday, will state the American Far East policy in general terms without announcing any surprising changes.

The following arguments are being advanced here against an American rush to defend the Nationalist redoubt:

1. It would play into the hands of Soviet propaganda officials who are telling the Oriental peoples the United States is seeking to establish Imperialist bases in Colonial territories.
2. The United States would become inextricably involved in an adventure that would probably cost hundreds of millions of dollars.
3. The Chiang Kai-shek Government is unpopular with the Formosan people.

PEKING STATEMENT

London, Dec. 31.—The Chinese Communist Party declared tonight that the task of the "Liberation Army" and the Chinese people for 1950 was "to liberate Taiwan (Formosa) and Hainan Islands and Tibet and annihilate the remnants forces of Chiang Kai-shek," according to the New China News Agency.—Reuter.

Other foreign policy problems which may cause controversy are:

1. Recognition of the Communist regime in China and of renewing aid to the Chinese Nationalist Government for the defence of Formosa.
2. Collaboration by Britain, the United States and Canada on the development of atomic weapons, and
3. The Japanese peace treaty, which will require Congressional consultation and ultimately approval.

BRITAIN'S PLANS

London, Dec. 31.—Britain intends to proceed with present plans to recognise the Chinese Communist regime toward the end of next week no matter what changes may be taking place in American policy toward the Far East, an authoritative source said today.

According to this source Britain has already informed the United States Government of the date on which she will begin relations with the Chinese Communists.

The date is still a strict secret.

The Foreign Office spokesman said today that information about the reported American plan to help the Chinese Nationalists to hold Formosa had still not reached London. Enquiries are understood to be in progress through the British Embassy in Washington, but, meanwhile, it is generally believed here that though two schools of thought prevail in the United States on Formosa, the President has come firmly on the side of help for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

It remains very possible that, as has happened in the past, there will be a last minute move by the Administration to ask Britain again to delay recognition, which will now come at a particularly awkward moment.

But the present disposition in official quarters in London is to feel that Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, has at last taken a hard decision which is unlikely to be altered.—Reuter.

Entertains Undergrads



Norwegian student in traditional costume at London University King's College party at the Lyceum.—London Express Service.

Drastic Aid Cuts Forecast

Washington, Dec. 31.—United States Congress is expected to make drastic cuts in American aid to foreign countries in the new session opening here on Tuesday.

A bitter debate is forecast over Government requests for funds for the third year of the Marshall Plan and re-armament of the North Atlantic Powers.

Proposals for assisting underdeveloped areas of Asia, Africa and South America were also expected to come under fire.

Cuts seem inevitable for these reasons:

1. The Government is faced with the prospect of a deficit of about \$5,000,000,000 in a budget of about \$45,000,000,000.
2. Ways of meeting the deficit include increasing taxes, raising the national debt, decreasing foreign expenditure or cutting internal expenditure.

CZECHS' NEW MARRIAGE CEREMONY

Prague, Jan. 1.—The first wedding under Czechoslovakia's new compulsory civil marriages law was performed today in a small town near Prague, and the couple were showered with gifts from the Government, including a book on Stalin.

The couple were married by the woman chairman of the local Communist-dominated National Committee. These committees are governmental bodies administering cities and districts.

The wedding ceremonies are performed free.

Young couples crowded into churches all over Czechoslovakia yesterday to forestall the new law, which took effect today. Under it church marriages are not legal and must be preceded by a ceremony before the National Committee.

Wedding gifts given to today's couple included bed linen and a collection of books by the Communist Prime Minister, M. Antonin Zapotocky.—Associated Press.

Shinwell Denies Medical Neglect Of Malaya Army

Leeds, Dec. 31.—The War Minister, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, in a newspaper interview published today, denied that there was any neglect of medical services for British troops in Malaya, saying that he was "forcing the pace" to overcome existing difficulties.

The interview was published by the Yorkshire Post, Conservative newspaper, which for some weeks has urged War Office action to overcome an alleged shortage of surgeons and other medical help for troops fighting in the Malayan jungle.

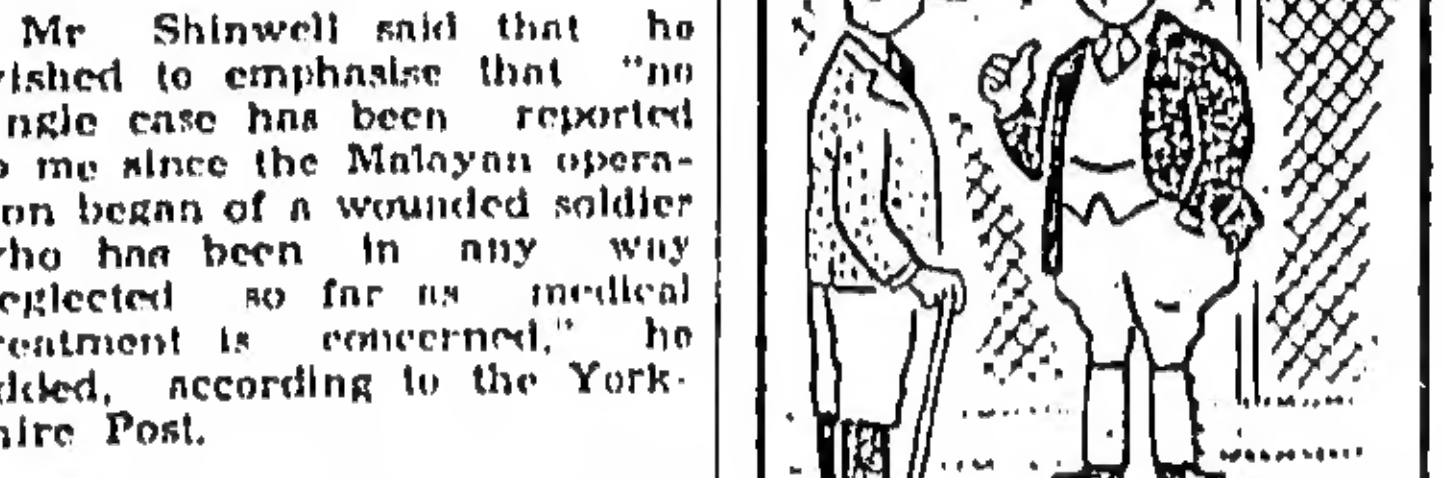
Mr Shinwell told the newspaper that he hoped to send two more surgeons to the Malaya district before the end of January. He also hoped that helicopters which could fly out wounded men from the guerrilla areas would be in Malaya by May at the latest.

Mr Shinwell said that he wished to emphasise that "no single case has been reported to me since the Malayan operation began of a wounded soldier who has been in any way neglected so far as medical treatment is concerned," he added, according to the Yorkshire Post.

"Even if only for political reasons, which it most certainly is not, it is to my advantage to do all I can for our men in Malaya."

"Money does not stand in the way. I would not tolerate for a single moment a financial obstacle where there is a question of treating wounded men."

POCKET CARTOON



"I get this fixed up to beat the turkey thieves and what happens? There's a power cut and I lose the lot!"

London Express Service

NO RESENTMENT

The interview was given to the Parliamentary correspondent of the Yorkshire Post, the newspaper reported.

The Minister made it clear that he did not resent in any way the campaign of the Yorkshire Post, based on cables from their special correspondent in Malaya, Mr Michael Davidson, questioning the adequacy of medical services there, the interview reported.

Mr Shinwell said that one of the two surgeons he hoped to send to the Malaya district would be flown out on January 14 and the other two weeks later.

Mr Shinwell stated that he had not received any official representations from the command in Malaya that there was anything wrong.

Mr Shinwell declared that the delay in sending helicopters was due to the need of modifications to existing types and the training of men to fly them.

ANXIETIES

"I am doing all I can to hasten matters and am hoping to have machines out in Malaya by May at the latest," he said.

Rejecting all suggestions of complacency, Mr Shinwell said, "As far as Malaya is concerned, I have had anxieties ever since the operation began, and they will be with me until it is over."

Mr Shinwell said he was behaving magnificently in helping to deal with irregular and elusive forces in difficult country—our men out there deserve the best, and the best they shall have so far as I can give it!"—Reuter.

HISTORIC YEAR

Singapore, Dec. 31.—Mr Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General for South-east Asia, declared in a new year message today that the number of surrenders now taking place in Malaya indicated that the "outlaws in the jungle" would see in the new year "with bitterly disappointed hopes and badly shaken morale."

"In spite of the energy and resources which had to be expended in fighting terrorism, the government and community leaders have found ample time and energy to continue their notable work towards creating a finer Malaya," he said.

"A year which has seen such achievements as the passage

POPE BLESSES PILGRIMS

Vatican City, Jan. 1.—The Pope today celebrated Mass in the Basilica of St Peter's, during which he addressed tens of thousands of pilgrims in English, French, Italian, German, Spanish and Portuguese.

The Pope came to Rome for the Catholic Church's Holy Year from Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Western Germany, Spain, Argentina, Brazil and the United States.

The biggest organised pilgrimages were 450 from Argentina, mainly from the Diocese of Rosario, and 300 from Western Germany.

The Pope made the pilgrims a short speech of welcome, wishing them all happiness in this New Year and giving them his blessing.—Reuter.

NOTICE

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children will be held at St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, January 6, 1950.

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